

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate wish to
3 express their sincere condolences to the family and friends
4 of Lori Lynch, who passed away November 30, 2000; and

5 WHEREAS, Lori Lynch was the eldest of five children of
6 Irish immigrant parents, Patrick and Catherine O'Reilly, who
7 grew up on the South Side of Chicago; she married the late
8 William T. Lynch, Sr. and together they raised their five
9 children in Prospect Heights, Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Lori Lynch and her husband, joined with other
11 families in Prospect Heights, raised money by selling raffle
12 tickets in neighboring parishes to build a church in the
13 community; once the church, St. Alphonsus Liguori Roman
14 Catholic Church opened in 1956, Mrs. Lynch served as the
15 first president of the Women's Club; she also returned to
16 teaching, first at St. Stephen's School in Des Plaines, then
17 at Frost Elementary School in Mount Prospect and St.
18 Alphonsus School; and

19 WHEREAS, Lori Lynch returned to school herself twenty
20 years ago and earned her degree in spiritual direction from
21 Loyola University; and

22 WHEREAS, Nearly six years ago, Mrs. Lynch formalized her
23 role with St. Alphonsus Liguori Roman Catholic Church by
24 joining the parish staff as director of the Ministry of Care
25 Program, which she and her husband helped start; this program
26 now encompasses 16 different ministries and more than 200
27 volunteers; and

28 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Lori Lynch, the Ministry
29 of Care Program did everything from visiting the sick and
30 homebound, to offering shelter to the homeless through the
31 Public Action to Deliver Shelter program, a running food

1 pantry that was started by Mrs. Lynch and her husband nearly
2 18 years ago; and

3 WHEREAS, The pastor of St. Alphonsus Liguori Roman
4 Catholic Church, the Reverend Robert Heinz, presented Mrs.
5 Lynch with the "heart of the parish" award at the church's
6 40th anniversary dinner dance four years ago; she is the only
7 parishioner to receive this distinction; and

8 WHEREAS, The passing of Lori Lynch will be deeply felt
9 by all who knew and loved her, especially her children,
10 William Thomas, Jr. Lynch, Mary Jo (husband, Dr. William T.)
11 Sheehy, Terry (wife, Sidney) Lynch, and Richard (wife, Mary)
12 Lynch; her 20 cherished grandchildren; her 11 great-
13 grandchildren; her brothers, Edward (wife, Eileen) O'Reilly,
14 James O'Reilly, and Jerome (wife, Marianne) O'Reilly; and her
15 sister-in-law, Gloria O'Reilly; and

16 WHEREAS, Lori Lynch will be missed by all her fellow
17 parishioners at St. Alphonsus Liguori Roman Catholic Church
18 who have followed her leadership and spiritual help for more
19 than 40 years; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
22 all who knew her, the death of Lori Lynch of Prospect
23 Heights, Illinois; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to the family of Lori Lynch.